

Annual Report
Library for the Blind and Disabled
FY July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Service Highlights

- The Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled served 16,101 patrons in the fiscal year 2004-2005. The State of Wyoming contracts for full library service for their patrons. Nineteen states contract the library for Braille service (Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin). In June Oregon signed a contract to begin Braille service for their patron, beginning on July 1, 2005. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints contracts to circulate Mormon literature to qualified blind patrons in the United States and Canada.
- The library circulated 272,461 books on recorded cassette, large print books, Braille books and descriptive videos. The library added 822 new patrons in Utah, and 615 patrons from Wyoming, Braille states and LDS patrons.
- The library's marketing program this year was to target people with learning disabilities. Working with KSL television the library ran a six- month campaign. The television station gave the library a spot on Our Town, a community information spot, and a special news story was ran on the Reading for the Blind program at the Utah Department of Corrections. The new patrons gained in the third quarter, when the campaign began, had an increase of 21% in new patrons from the previous two quarters. There were 1,481 requests for applications for service.
- The Library for the Blind and Disabled designed and implemented it's own website at <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov/> which came online in October 2004. There are consistently over 2,000 visits to the site each month.

Summer Reading Program

- The Library ran the Summer Reading Program for children, ages 5 to 12, and young adults, ages 13-18. The children group had 37 participants, and the young adult group had 22 participants. The children's group had a total of 33,827 minutes read, for which they were given prizes, many of which were donated by local businesses. The young adult group had an internet discussion group set up on the book, My Path Leads to Tibet by Sabriye Tenberken. This book is a non-fiction book about a young blind woman who goes to Tibet to set up a blind school for children in that country.

Volunteer Program

- The library at the State Library and St. George Elk's Lodge donated 7,675 hours. These volunteers include book inspectors, machine repair, and readers for the Radio Reading Service, book narrators and reviewers. The Utah Department of Correction program contributed 43,489 hours by book narrators, book reviewers,

machine repair, tape duplication and various other jobs associated with the program.

- Two volunteer Award Dinner were held to thank all the volunteers for their service. The Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled honored 15 volunteers at its Annual Volunteer Dinner on April 21, 2005 in Salt Lake City. The keynote speaker was Ken Jennings of TV game show Jeopardy fame. Another Awards Dinner was held in southern Utah on June 15, 2005 to thank the Saint George Volunteer and the Elks Dixie Lodge for their help repairing machines. Both groups were presented awards for years of service at the five, ten and fifteen year levels.
- All volunteers and the program at the Utah Department of Corrections were given calendars for their service for the past year.
- The Utah Department of Corrections inmates read 318 books, duplicated 536 books using 24,756 tapes.
- A total of 1,965 machines were repaired by volunteers at the State Library, St. George Dixie Elk's Lodge and the Department of Corrections.

Radio Reading Service

- The Radio Reading Service in September installed WireReady software, which digitize the station. This software gives the station the possibility of broadcasting on a 24/7 basis that will be a goal of the program. The station currently broadcasts 4,787 hours per year.

Publications

- The library updated 24 publications of locally recorded materials, handbooks magazine lists and other items related to the service. A quarterly newsletter was produced both in Braille and large print and mailed to patrons in Utah and Wyoming.

Braille Production

- Twelve books, written by local authors, were transcribed into Braille. The library also transcribes catalogs, handbooks, bibliographies and other in-house materials into Braille, totaling 35,376 pages of Braille. Twenty-one books were also submitted to National Library Service for web Braille.

Equipment

- The end of the fiscal year in June 2005, there were cassette players checked out to the patrons, and radio receivers checked out.

Holding

Format	Number of Titles	Number of Items
Braille	15,446	123,715
Cassette	47,244	279,780
Large Print	15,213	16,943
Descriptive Video	634	1,002
Total	78,537	421,440